

Margaret Beeks PTO Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2018

8:00 a.m.

- A. Call to order (Heather Turman, President)
- B. Welcome and Introduction of the Board (Heather Turman, President) –
- Heather mentioned the availability and opportunity to shadow for PTO board.
 - Discussed meeting schedule
 - Parents and Teachers please provide feedback regarding the PTO meeting schedule.
- C. Principal's Report (Mr. Mefford)
- Thank you to the families that came out to provide landscaping work.
 - Curriculum Nights Schedule:
 - K— September 13th
 - 1st— September 12
 - 2nd— September 6
 - 3rd— August 30th
 - 4th and 5th— September 5
 - The changes to dismissal have be positive and provide a much safer form of exiting at the end of the day.
 - The marquee bidding for the electronic sign will be complete in no more than 2 weeks. Finances for this project are a go.
 - MBE will be doing potluck style community nights to help boost networking with families and the community. The first one will be held at Nellie's Cave Park on September, 27th. More details to follow.
 - We will be making an organized list of possible after school activities.
- D. Treasurer's Report (Nichole Marsden, Treasurer)
- Budget Category Description Amount Notes Teacher Stipend Fall 2018 -\$1,825 Distributions to 38 teachers
 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Back to School Teacher Lunch -\$141

- Staff Birthday Chocolates -\$19
- Amazon Smile August \$24
- Miscellaneous T-shirt sales \$70
- PTO Dues August \$340 \$10 per family
- Monthly Income/Expense -\$1,551.60
- Current Balance minus Track and Earmark \$16,818.93 Track Savings \$1,000.00 STEM Earmark \$10,012.22
- PTO will contribute \$10,000.00 to the electronic marquee.
- Dawn Owczaraki moved to approve budget. Lauren Soucy seconded the approval.

E. PTO Mission and Goals (Heather Turman)

- Mission statement from the website:
 “The Margaret Beeks Elementary (MBE) PTO is made up of volunteers in the Beeks community. Our goal is to support our school and teachers and to strengthen the relationship between parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and students to help MBE succeed. We also help by providing support for the school's educational, recreational, and infrastructure needs. But best of all: it is a great way to get to know other MBE families and school staff!”

F. Membership What and Why? (Heather Turman)

- The PTO is here to help connect the families and the school.
- Membership allows you the right to vote
- Membership dues allow us to provide our teachers with a stipend to offset supply costs.
- Please keep a lookout for our monthly updates.

G. PTO to Date (Heather Turman)

- To date we have: Put together the first day of school night, set up a booth at Back to School Night to provide information about the PTO, and provide information about ways our families can support the PTO, organized a Landscaping Day to manicure the outside of our school, and organized a fundraiser with Frosty Parrot on August 31st.

H. Afterschool Activities

- Currently, we have funds available for afterschool activities. Teachers do have access to these funds.
 - We are going to have 2 Lego robotics teams- meeting on Fridays.
 - Mrs. Fotinos and Mr. Ballard are going to be holding auditions for a Destination Imagination team next Tuesday (September 11th).
 - Possibility of either and Arabic language or a coding club to be provided by a parent volunteer if there is interest.
- I. Electronic Marquee Update (Dawn Owczaraki)
- Bidding will be complete in 2 weeks or less.
 - The new electronic marquee will be able to display photos and videos.
- J. Guest Author (Dawn Owczaraki)
- The guest author will be Jerry Pallotta this year on October 16th.
 - We will need to order books 2 weeks in advance.
 - The books will be pre-signed and organized.
 - Jerry Pallotta will be at the school throughout the day.
 - Cost of books are under \$10, with some hardcover books priced at \$15.
- K. Fall Activities (Heather Turman speaking on behalf of Ashley Carter)
- Fall Festival will be held on October 30th.
 - Potential sponsor for a bouncy house.
 - Possibility of a Shelor car raffle.
 - Chili and Macaroni and Cheese Cookoff/Contest with a group of selected judges.
 - Student Volunteers from the ABC Club at BHS.
 - Bricks, Bots and Beakers, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will be doing activities.
 - Volunteers needed.
- L. Volunteers (Heather Turman)
- We need committee leaders for landscaping (possibly having Greeks Give Back work on the beds behind the annex and will try to use the

Big Event this year), Girls and Boys dances (spring or early winter), Restaurant Fundraiser coordinator (This job is relatively hands-off. It requires contacting restaurants for our fundraiser nights and collecting the donations. We also have a list of restaurants and contacts for places that have participated in the past.), School Photo Coordinator (This job is twice a year with a morning of in school time commitment. The coordinator would gather 4 volunteers and make a schedule for the teachers to follow for the pictures.)

M. Questions (Heather Turman)

- Current Members? About 40 at this time.
- Fifth grade legacy project possibly making use of landscaping island in the parking lot with either a large painted rock or a tree? Both?
- Mrs. Friedberg needs volunteers for the hearing and vision screenings on September 12th from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.

N. Meeting Adjourned (Heather Turman)